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FOLLOWING IS OUR SUGGESTED REVISION OF SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL
STATEMENT IN KINSHASA:

QUOTE MR. COMMISSIONER, CITIZENS AND FRIENDS OF ZAIRE:
I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR WARM WORDS OF WELCOME AND FOR THE
OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT KINSHASA A SECOND TIME. I AM ALSO VERY
PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO MEET AGAIN WITH OUR GOOD ZAIRIAN FRIENDS
AND TO RENEW DISCUSSIONS OF OUR MUTUAL CONCERNs.

AS YOU KNOW, EVENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA HAVE BEEN EVOLVING
RAPIDLY SINCE MY FIRST MEMORABLE VISIT TO YOUR CAPITAL EARLIER
THIS YEAR. AT THAT TIME I ASSURED PRESIDENT MOBUTU THAT THE
UNITED STATES WOULD PERSEVERE IN TRYING TO BRING MAJORITY RULE
TO ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA, BY PEACEFUL MEANS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
PRINCIPLES I OUTLINED AT LUSAKA. AS YOU SO CORRECTLY EMPHASIZED
DURING MY PREVIOUS STAY IN ZAIRE, OUR EFFORTS ARE BOUND TO BE
FUTILE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT, ENCOURAGEMENT, INSPIRATION AND INSIGHT
FROM THOSE AFRICAN STATES AND LEADERS MOST CONCERNED WITH THE
SOUTHERN AFRICAN CONFLICT. ZAIRE IS AMONG THOSE AFRICAN STATES TO
WHOM WE LOOK TO PLAY A LEADING ROLE IN SEEKING A NEGOTIATED
SETTLEMENT. THAT IS WHY I HAVE RETURNED TO KINSHASA TO CONSULT

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WITH YOU AND YOUR PRESIDENT-FOUNDER, MOBUTU SESE SEKO. WE SHARE

A COMMON GOAL OF RAPID, PEACEFUL TRANSITION OF NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE TO AFRICAN MAJORITY RULE. IF WE ARE TO AVOID PROTRACTED WAR AND OUTSIDE INTERVENTION WE MUST MOVE AHEAD WITH COURAGE AND CONVICTION BEFORE THE CRESCENDO OF CANNON DROWNS OUT THE DIALOGUE OF REASONABLE MEN.

I AM DELIGHTED TO BE BACK IN ZAIRE, MR. COMMISSIONER. I VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR DISCUSSIONS, WHICH I ALWAYS FIND SO USEFUL, AND TO BENEFITING FROM THE WISDOM AND COMMON SENSE OF YOUR GREAT PRESIDENT AS TOGETHER WE SEARCH FOR WAYS TO BRING PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE TO THIS TROUBLED CONTINENT.

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